

House Resolution No. 185

Whereas, members of the Missouri House of Representatives proudly pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cates, cherished residents of Alton, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in Branson with a festive family gathering and celebration hosted by their children; and

Whereas, it was on November 29, 1952, that Garland Cates took the hand of his beautiful bride, Reva Thompson, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Witt Holly in Alton; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Garland and Reva Cates have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, Garland and Reva Cates take great pride in the achievements of their children, Michael and Martha Cates of West Plains, and Mark and Elizabeth Cates of Holden, and dearly cherish the love of their five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, Garland and Reva Cates have relied heavily upon the Lord's guidance throughout their fifty years together and have continually turned to Him for the strength that has seen them through times of both sorrow and great joy; and

Whereas, Garland and Reva Cates often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Garland and Reva Cates upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cates, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 185, adopted January 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker